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In Memoriam

This edition of Field Notes is dedicated to two former employees who for a brief period worked at the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's New Jersey Field Office:

Richard J. Guadagno (9/29/62 to 9/11/01)
and
Shari L. Stevens (12/22/60 to 8/25/02).

Both Richard and Shari, natives of New Jersey, were assigned to the New Jersey Field Office as Biologists during 1986 and 1985-87 respectively. Richard was one of the passengers on board hijacked United Airlines flight 93 that crashed in Stony Creek Township, Pennsylvania, on September 11, 2001. At that time he was a Refuge Manager working in southern California. During her tenure with the New Jersey Field Office, Shari worked on several projects pertaining to the Hackensack Meadowlands; she transferred to the EPA in 1987.

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Cover photo: the Manhattan skyline as seen from Mill Creek in the Meadowlands (insert: officials tour the Meadowlands)
Opposite page (top to bottom): two snowy egrets on a Meadowlands mudflat; the third Stakeholder Work Session for the Hackensack Meadowlands, Morristown, October 31, 2001; a stand of common reed, *Phragmites australis*, in the Meadowlands

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